

New law provides that any person sentenced to the custody of DPS&C who has served at least 10 years of a term of imprisonment shall be eligible for parole consideration upon reaching the age of 60 years if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The offender has not been convicted of a crime of violence or a sex offense, or an offense which would constitute a crime of violence or a sex offense, regardless of the date of conviction.
- (2) The offender has not committed any disciplinary offenses in the 12 consecutive months prior to the parole eligibility date.
- (3) The offender has completed the mandatory minimum of 100 hours of prerelease programming if such programming is available at the facility where the offender is incarcerated.
- (4) The offender has completed substance abuse treatment as applicable.
- (5) The offender has obtained a GED, unless the offender has previously obtained a high school diploma or is deemed by a certified educator as being incapable of obtaining a GED due to a learning disability. If the offender is deemed incapable of obtaining a GED, the offender must complete at least one of the following: a literacy program, an adult basic education program, or a job-skills training program.
- (6) The offender has obtained a low-risk level designation determined by a validated risk assessment instrument approved by the secretary of DPS&C.

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(Adds R.S. 15:574.4(A)(4))